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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith references of which he is aware, which he believes may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which he may have a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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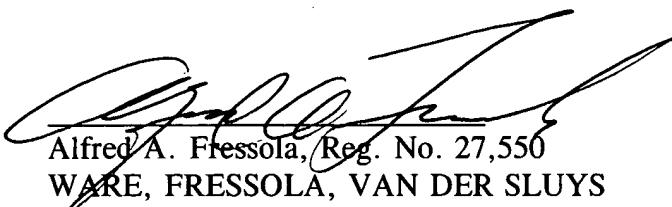
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Four of the references are listed in the enclosed International Search Report dated May 2, 2000. A concise explanation of the relevance of each reference is specifically pointed out in the search report. Two other references; namely, WO 96/20448 and WO 95/35611 (which corresponds to EP 0765582 which is the actual reference cited) are listed on page 3 of the specification and the relevance of these references is set forth in the specification, as noted. An additional reference; namely, an article entitled "Intelligent Network Architecture for Broadband ISDN with Layered Call Model" was cited in the Preliminary Examination Report as being mentioned in the Search Report for applicant's parallel application, EP99/06505. A PTO 1449 listing the cited references is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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